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WHAT TO Give Him

Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets. We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats; either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

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Serve Ultimatum and Commence Firing Before an Answer Is Received.

CASTRO ARRAIGNS INVADERS

In a Manifesto the President Bitterly Denounces Foreigners and Calls on His People to Prepare.

CARACAS, Dec. 15.—The Anglo-German ultimatum was delivered at Puerto Cabello, at half past four and the fortress was shelled at 5 o'clock.

The ultimatum was as follows: "To the controller of customs, Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, Dec. 15, 1902. We have the honor to call your attention to the following facts:

"The British steamer Topaz, while discharging coal here recently, was confiscated and pillaged. Her officers and crew were subjected to great indignities and subsequently liberated and permitted to return to their vessel. Yesterday her captain was compelled to lower his flag. The American consul has informed us that this was done by the populace without the intervention of the local authorities. We request you to send immediately to the British commodore complete satisfaction on the part of Venezuela for the insult to the flag of his country and a guarantee that similar proceedings shall not occur again and that the German and English residents at this port shall not be molested. If we do not receive your answer by 5 o'clock this afternoon we will proceed to demolish the forts and, if the fire is returned, the custom house. Consequently we urge on the official commanding this city to remove prisoners and troops from the fortress in order to avoid unnecessary loss of life and to take steps to avoid that unauthorized weapons return the fire.

"Neither of the governments of Great Britain and Germany desires to meddle with the private individuals, and the seizure of Venezuelan ships is made only to enforce ordinary courtesy and obtain satisfaction for the innumerable offenses which remain unanswered for.

"We are, your obedient servants, Montgomery, commodore of the Charybdis and commander of the British squadron in Venezuelan waters.

"Scheder, commodore of the German squadron in Venezuelan waters."

The following is the Venezuelan answer to the Anglo-German ultimatum: "The commodores of the Charybdis and Vineta—We have the honor to reply to your message through a commission composed of the American, Italian and Dominican consuls. The authorities at this port did not countenance the lowering of the British flag on the steamer Topaz, which act was perpetrated only by the populace.

"On account of the events at La Guayra imprisonments were made on superior orders. The German and English here enjoy full guarantees."

This answer was delivered to the Italian consul at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and he was making signals when the bombardment began.

A German resident and two servants at San Esteban, three miles from Puerto Cabello were killed in the shelling of the fort.

VIOLENT LANGUAGE BY VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT

Deplores Conduct of Allied Powers as Violating Principles of Civilization.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The following presidential manifesto is being profusely distributed here, says a World dispatch from Caracas:

"Another act of very grave nature on the part of the perfidious foreigners has just been effected against the City of Puerto Cabello, viz.: The bombardment of that port by the combined fleets of England and Germany without any previous declaration of war or the fulfillment of any of the formalities established by law for carrying on an act of force.

"It is no longer an act against the government and the people of Venezuela, but against the general principles of civilization and against those nations who have valuable assets in that port and who, therefore, have a perfect right to expect the fulfillment of the necessary formalities in such cases which were utterly ignored as no time was given for the withdrawal of women and children from the dangers of the bombardment.

"This is not only cowardly, but it is an insult to all the nations and I denounce it as such in the name of the principles of civilization professed by Venezuela.

"The august shades of our liberators are no doubt rising from their tombs, majestic and severe, to witness Venezuelans in these solemn moments to the love of their country, which is once more under painful trial.

"I call on you to answer to their summons."

WILL RENDER ASSISTANCE TO SISTER REPUBLIC

Should United States Remain Inactive South America Will Combine to Conquer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Herald correspondent in Caracas says he has learned on reliable authority that the government of Argentina, in a dispatch from Buenos Ayres, has instructed its consular representative to report to Buenos Ayres as early as possible what appears to be the attitude of the United States and what view that government is likely to take of its obligations under the Monroe doctrine, in the face of the aggressive action of Great Britain and Germany.

Should the United States decide to remain impassive, on the ground that its interpretation of the Monroe doctrine does not warrant interference with foreign powers resorting to drastic measures for the collecting of claims, the correspondent says he is informed that the government of Argentina, feeling that the autonomy of all South American states is jeopardized, is prepared to take a decided stand by the side of Venezuela and to offer her assistance to President Castro.

Argentina is not anxious to declare her attitude and will only do so, it is said, in the event that the United States should maintain a complaisant attitude of non-interference.

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HON. SOL HIRSCH DIED YESTERDAY

Noted State Politician and Portland Merchant Dies of Heart Trouble.

FRIENDS WERE UNPREPARED

Had Served as Minister to Turkey and Held Other Positions That Brought Him Honor and Fortune.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Solomon Hirsch is dead. After an illness of two weeks he passed away today in his palatial residence at Jefferson and Fifth streets, of heart trouble. Since being ill he had had several severe attacks of heart trouble and the last one at 11:05 o'clock this morning, proved too much for his failing strength.

He had been under the constant care of Dr. A. J. Giesey and a trained nurse. His family and a few near friends were present when he passed away.

The news of his death came as a surprise to the general public, which did not know even that he had been ailing. Scarcely an hour after the announcement of the death the residence was crowded by near friends. The news spread over the city, for he was not only a prominent public man and politician, but a man who had a large circle of intimate friends and well known among all classes. He had served the United States as minister to Turkey and was a state senator time and again.

It is not only, however, as a legislator, but as a merchant, as a member of society, and, above all, as a public-spirited citizen, that the record of his life merits a place in the annals of Oregon.

Mr. Hirsch was born on March 25, 1835, in Wurzburg, Germany. His father was a poor man. His mother belonged to an old and much respected family named Kuhn. On both sides his parents were of Hebrew extraction. He came to America at the age of 15 years and has resided in Portland since 1864.

MRS. GRANT IS DEAD

Wife of the Great General Dies of Heart Failure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. U. S. Grant died at her residence in this city at 11:11 o'clock last night. Death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Grant had suffered for years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis.

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